Minutes State Election Commission Meeting November 16, 2010

The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DuBois at 11:15 a.m. Central time November 16, 2010. The following members and staff were present: Commissioners Blackburn, DuBois, Head, Wallace, Wheeler and Younce, Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, and Kathy Summers, Elections Specialist.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 19, 2010.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § § 2-12-101 and 2-12-106, motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the nominations for county election commission appointments as submitted and to leave the nomination process open until close of business, 4:30 p.m. Central time. (No appointments were made.)

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the attached meeting schedule and locations for 2011. (See attached chart.)

• Meeting dates for 2011 – Changed to the second Monday of every month at Noon Central time.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to keep the show cause hearing for February 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. central time. (See attached chart.)

• Show cause hearing for Hawkins County will still be held on February 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Central time.

Coordinator Update

- Coordinator Goins indicated the November 2, 2010 election was relatively smooth.
- Senate District 15 might be contested. Allegations are Senator Burks and her family members violated the boundary line and seals were cut to voting machines. The machine seals cut were only identifying in nature and do not allow access to the actual machine software or hardware. Coordinator Goins has spoken with both the FBI and District Attorney General Ed York. The Senate will hear the contest.

- Special elections will be held to fill vacancies. The special elections will be held in TN Senate District 18 and Tennessee House of Representatives District 98. Writs of Election will be issued by the Governor.
- Commissioner Head and Commissioner Wheeler went to New York to view voting machines on November 2, 2010.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for December 21, 2010 was cancelled. However, the commission might need to meet by phone to make county election commission appointments and / or approve those administrators who pass the certification test.

Motion was made to adjourn, and there being no further business to come before the commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wheeler - Secretary

State Election Commission